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NATIONAL DAY

1. AS 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF KING BAUDOUIN'S ACCESSION TO
THE THRONE (JULY 17) AND BELGIAN NATIONAL DAY (JULY 21)
FALL ONLY FOUR DAYS APART, ONE COMBINED MESSAGE HAS BEEN
PREPARED FROM THE PRESIDENT TO THE KING. FOLLOWING MES-
SAGE SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO KING BY JULY 17:

2. QTE: YOUR MAJESTY: ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN
PEOPLE, I AM DELIGHTED TO EXTEND CONGRATULATIONS ON THE
OCCASION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF YOUR REIGN AS
WELL AS OUR BEST WISHES ON THE FORTHCOMING CELEBRATION OF
YOUR NATIONAL DAY. OVER THE PAST TWENTY-FIVE YEARS,
BELGIUM AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE WORKED TOGETHER AS
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FIRM ALLIES, COOPERATIVE PARTNERS AND WARM FRIENDS. I AM

CERTAIN THAT THE NEXT QUARTER CENTURY WILL WITNESS A CONTINUATION OF THE SAME TIES BETWEEN US. SINCERELY,
GERALD R. FORD. END QTE.

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